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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for an extension of time for reply in the above-identified application for the period required to make the accompanying reply timely, or, if there be no accompanying reply, for the period for which the fee is indicated or the period necessary to prevent abandonment of the above-identified application if longer than the period for which the fee is indicated.

Extension fee for reply within first month:

- By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) ..... \$ 55.00  
 By other than a small entity ..... \$ 110.00

Extension fee for reply within second month:

- By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) ..... \$ 210.00  
 By other than a small entity ..... \$ 420.00

Extension fee for reply within third month:

- By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) ..... \$ 475.00  
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Extension fee for reply within fourth month:

- By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) ..... \$ 740.00  
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Extension fee for reply within fifth month:

- By a small entity (\$1.9(f)) ..... \$ 1,005.00  
 By other than a small entity ..... \$ 2,010.00

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

Charge \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. **Transaction No. 13414**

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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Director is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. This sheet is filed in duplicate.

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